

# Summer Day Camp FAQ

**I only need care on Mondays and Tuesdays, is there any way to sign up for those two days?**

Unfortunately, in order to maximize on the number of children we are licensed for, we have the following options only, Monday through Friday; Monday/Wednesday/Friday; or Tuesday/Thursday.

**Does my child need to stay the entire day?** Except for field trips, when we are away from the site, you may drop your child off and pick them up at whatever time you would like. Some youth participate in other activities or tutoring during the summer and we try to be flexible to accommodate those needs. We start our programmed activities after roll call at 8:45am and end programmed activities at 4:00pm. Check the weekly calendars to see where we are and what we are doing to see if there are any potential issues. We do appreciate advance notice if your child will be late. There is no proration for missed time at camp.

**My child has attended full-day preschool. Do you ever make an exception to your K-5th grade rule?** So sorry, no, we do not make any exceptions to the grade requirement. All youth must have attended K –5th the school year prior to camp. We hope you will consider our camp for the following summer.

**How quickly does your camp fill?**

Historically, the first day of registration.

**Do you break the kids up by ages during camp?** Yes, approximately half the day is spent in smaller groups usually separated by grade (K&1, 2&3, 4&5). Generally, they are in small groups for arts & crafts and the sports & game portion of the day. The rest of the day (free play, snack, lunch), all 60 kids are together as one large group.

**Where do you go on field trips?** We travel along the front range (up to an hour bus ride). Past favorites include: Denver Zoo, DMNS, Brighton Oasis, APEX Pool, Broomfield Bay, Longmont Reservoir, Mid Air Adventures, Denver Firefighters Museum, Skate City, bowling, to name a few.

**How do you supervise your field trips?** We increase ratios on field trips days. State licensing allows 15 youth to one counselor, but here at the Louisville Recreation Center, each counselor will have no more than 4-6 youth. Smaller groups also allow the youth opportunities to explore the areas they would like at the rate they would like for a more enjoyable field trip experience. All counselors are equipped with a first aid pack, an emergency phone list and a staff/group phone list for the day.

**My child has an epi pen.** The safety of our campers is extremely important. Our head camp counselors all attend a training called Medication Administration and are then delegated to by our nurse consultant. We take allergies very seriously and take precautions to decrease the opportunities for any allergic reactions. However, if a situation does arise, our staff has the training to act quickly and effectively. Please be sure to read more in our Family Handbook about Medications at Camp and call if you have any other questions.

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**My child is not a real strong swimmer– how do you handle your swim days?** First, we increase supervision at swim times. Second, we station staff around the pool so that in addition to the lifeguards, our staff is in multiple areas. Third, we have campers ages 6 and under wear a colored swim band– noting kids that must stay in the smaller pool or be 1:1 with a counselor. Children 6 and younger automatically get a kids pool band unless they pass a swim test. If you have an older child that you would like to be limited to the kids pool, please speak with a head camp counselor. Lastly, on outdoor and off-site pool trips, all campers and staff wear a LRC camp swim shirt (spf 50 tech shirt) for quick identification and sun protection. We will swim at the Louisville Recreation & Senior Center on Tuesday afternoons and Memory Square on most Friday afternoons (pick up at Memory Square those days).

**Can I join you on a swim day or field trip?** We have, on occasion, had a parent who would like to be with their child during a trip/swim day. Our door is always open, however, if you choose to join us on a trip/swim day, we ask that you sign your child out into your care so there is no confusion between you, your child, the counselors and other campers about who is in charge of your child. In addition, we ask that you abide by all camp policies while with the group and pay any entrance fees.

**Tell me about your staff.** Here at the Louisville Recreation Center, we have a high return rate of staff. Normally, we have a diverse staff made up of teachers, college students and high school students. They have varying levels of experience and all have a desire to work with youth. Our campers will tell you that they have the best counselors! All staff complete an extensive background test, are certified in 1st Aid and CPR and receive 20+ hour of training. You may also see CIT's (Counselors In Training) who are volunteers who have an interest in working with children. CIT's are never alone with campers and do not handle discipline issues.

**Do you charge a fee to be on the waitlist and how will I know if there is an opening for my child?** We do not charge fees for the waitlist. If we receive a cancellation, we work our way through the waitlist using the primary e-mail on the household account. If you receive a message for an opening, we give a minimum of 24 hours to contact us back to accept and pay. If you decide you are no longer interested in being on certain waitlists, please contact us to remove your child from the waitlist so we have a more accurate list and can accommodate families quicker.

**Do you have any tips for a parent with multiple children on completing all the camp forms?** Yes, a great tip we learned from a parent of three children is to print out one copy of the form, fill in all the standard info that is the same for all the children (parents info, addresses, etc), then make a copy for each child and fill in their individual information. All paperwork is required by the State of Colorado since we are a licensed camp and is due at the Open House in May.

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